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**IGTC**  
International Grain Trade Coalition

## IGTC Newsletter 20 April 2018

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**London events:** Do not miss your chance to benefit from IGTC member rates at the upcoming IGC annual conference (19-20th June) and the annual Gafta dinner (19th June). Contact [secretariat@igtglobal.org](mailto:secretariat@igtglobal.org) for details.

## Events

### April 24: MRL Policy Team Call - virtual

Team Lead Ricardo Calderon (APPAMEX) will guide discussions. To join the Policy Team, contact the [Secretariat](#)

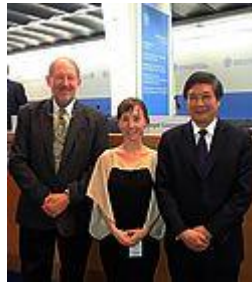
### April 26: IGTC dialogue with the International Seed Federation on plant breeding innovation – Nyon, Switzerland

The IGTC will continue its work with supply chain partners on crop production methods and their impact on the trade and marketing of grain, oilseeds, pulses and derived products.

### June 18: IGTC Strategy Session - London, UK

## IGTC in Action

### Annual Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) – ISPM on grain delayed



This week the IGTC attended the IPPC's annual "Committee on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)" which brought together 183 governments at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome.

The IGTC was able to signal the grain trade's ongoing commitment to engagement with the IPPC at the event. Contact was made with a number of governments including the African Union, Argentina,

Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, South Korea, UK, Ukraine and USA.

Critical to the IGTC's mission to achieve a market and regulatory environment supportive of the international trade of grain, oilseeds, pulses and derived products was an agreement to assign "pending" status to the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) on grain. Instead, it is expected that IPPC will convene a focus group of governments to discuss principles for commodity and pathway standards more generally.

IGTC members and Corporate Stakeholders on the ISPM Policy Team will be invited to evaluate the outcomes of the meeting under the leadership of Policy Team Lead Gerard McMullen (Grain Trade Australia). Grain trade representatives wishing to join the Policy Team should contact the [IGTC Secretariat](#).

*Picture (L-R): Craig Fedchock (IPPC Secretariat), Katy Lee (IGTC Secretariat), Dr. Jingyuan Xia (IPPC Secretary)*

### ePhyto pilot update, beginners guide published

Global grain trade leaders will gather to discuss issues of mutual interest as per the IGTC policy and outreach agenda. Gafta will be our hosts at this important event.

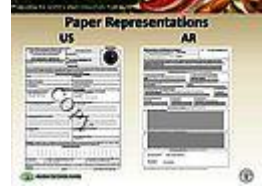
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The ePhyto pilot has now seen 11,000 certificates exchanged through the testing environment, according to figures from the IPPC. From the perspective of National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs), there have been minimal technical issues with the system itself, though more time and collaboration across governmental authorities are needed to fully implement the harmonization with ePhyto schema. A new "Beginner's Guide" to ePhytos has now been published by the IPPC, [here](#).



**Next steps:** the IGTC will attend the next Industry Advisory Group (IAG) in July, 2018 in Rome. During this meeting, industry representatives will receive an update on the pilot project, and have the chance to report any findings from their own testing of ePhyto implementation. The objective is to work with specific traders in an effort to see what the benefits are of ePhyto implementation. The governing bodies of the ePhyto project hope that cooperation with industry will inform a larger effort on cost-benefit analysis.

Picture: @IPPC

### Call for interest and participation: Cartagena Biosafety Protocol

The IGTC is preparing its path forward for the upcoming COP-MOP 9 meeting on the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, to take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 10-22 November 2018.

Grain trade experts with an interest in the following areas relating to Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) are called to join our global effort:

- Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)
- Detection and sampling
- Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16)
- Transit and contained use (Article 6)
- Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress
- Synthetic biology and digital sequence information on genetic resources



Please register your interest with the [IGTC Secretariat](#).

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